PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67797

Jean-Pascal PLANCHE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/018,790

Group Art Unit: 1751

Confirmation No.: 1942

Examiner: Peter A. Szekely

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For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CROSS-LINKED AND/OR

FUNCTIONALIZED BITUMEN/POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND USE OF SAID

COMPOSITIONS IN COVERINGS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2003. A Petition for a three month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before February 17, 2004 (February 15, 2004 being a Sunday and February 16, 2004 being a holiday). An Excess Claims Fee Letter is also being concurrently filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages: